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Response to Restriction Requirement

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 16, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1 and 69-73, with traverse.

Should there be any questions, the undersigned can be reached at (650) 838-4443.

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